



## **MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Parent Policy Council:** The PPC will meet on September 17, 2018 at noon at the Head Start Conference Room. Minutes will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools.

**CLASS observation** review team will be here on September 24-27, 2018. They will be observing all classrooms during those days. CLASS is a Standardized Assessment of Quality in Head Start Classrooms. CLASS is an observational tool that assesses the quality of teacher-child interactions at the classroom level in center-based preschools. Head Start uses the CLASS: Pre-K tool to assess three domains of interactions: One • Emotional support: CLASS assesses whether everyday teacher interactions with children promote a positive classroom climate. This includes evaluating teacher responsiveness and sensitivity to children, teacher regard for student perspectives, and the degree to which the classroom climate is emotionally supportive. • Classroom organization: CLASS assesses the “management of children’s behavior, time and attention in the classroom,” with an emphasis on predictability and stability. This includes evaluating the consistency of schedules and routines and the quality of guidance or teaching strategies. • Instructional support: CLASS assesses how teachers implement the curriculum to promote child cognitive and language development. This includes evaluating teacher support of children’s analytical and conversational skills and the quality of teacher feedback. The three domains are measured on a seven-point scale, where higher scores indicating higher quality of teacher-child interactions. For Head Start center-based programs, CLASS reviewers observe and assess teacher-child interactions in a random sample of classrooms. The scores of all observed classrooms are then averaged to determine whether satisfactory classroom quality has been achieved by the grantee as a whole.

**FAMILY NIGHT:** Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> is family night. Family night themes are aligned with our OWL Curriculum themes. This month we will also be giving out information to parents on suicide, as September is Suicide Awareness Month.

**STAFF RETENTION PLAN:** I completed a staff retention plan per Parent Policy Council request. See attached staff retention plan.

**RECRUITMENT:** Our Family Advocates are making home visits and recruiting students. The advocates assist the parents in completing the applications if necessary.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT:** We have nine (9) teachers attending early childhood classes at SCC. Our project officer stated that we could use our professional development Head Start funds to pay for tuition, fees, books, etc. if necessary. Of course, all students must first apply for a Pell, but we have two teachers who have exhausted their Pell, due to their BA degrees. Head Start standards state teachers must have at a minimum an Associate degree in early childhood.

**NATIVE AMERICAN WEEK:** Our staff and students participation in Native American week activities will be very limited because CLASS observation is scheduled that week. Our Head Start staff will be participating in the Wellness Walk, sponsored by the diabetic program.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 IS FIRST DAY OF FALL**